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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM

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FOR VANCE FROM ERNST

1. BELL 212 OR 205 HELICOPTERS COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS.  
800,000 EACH. THIS INCLUDES MINIMUM SUPPLY SPARE PARTS.  
PACKAGE DEAL OF 5 HELICOPTERS WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY  
DOLS. 5 MILLION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE HELICOPTERS, TRAINING  
FOR PILOTS AND MECHANICS, AIR-TO-AIR AND AIR-TO-GROUND  
TELCOM CAPABILITY, AND MINIMUM SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS AND  
MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR TIME FRAME.

2. BERTRAM BOATS IN 50 TO 70-FOOT CLASS COST APPROXIMATELY  
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DOLS. 300,000 - 350,000 AND REQUIRE MINIMUM 6 TO 9 MONTHS

LEAD TIME FOR DELIVERY. INCLUDING RADAR, RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS WOULD UP TOTAL COST TO APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 400,000. THIS TYPE BOAT WOULD HOLD APPROXIMATELY 12 PEOPLE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS AT SEA WITH TOP SPEED OF 30 KNOTS AND CRUISE OF 22 KNOTS.

3. OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ARE THAT BERTRAM 32-FOOT BOAT WOULD BE MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR SURVEILLANCE/INTERCEPT/BOARDING PURPOSES. WITH ELECTRONICS, INCLUDING RADIO AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, THIS BOAT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 130,000. BOAT WOULD CRUISE AT 22 KNOTS WITH TOP SPEED OF 27 KNOTS. WOULD HOLD 5 TO 6 PEOPLE AND COULD ALSO STAY AT SEA FOR SOME TIME. THIS BOAT USED EXTENSIVELY BY U.S. NAVY, CUSTOMS AND GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA IN ITS NARCOTICS INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. FYI: COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS RECENTLY ACQUIRED FIVE 31-FOOT BERTRAM BOATS AND ONE 38-FOOT BOAT. END FYI.

4. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THREE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT WHICH FOLLOWING MORE DETAILED REVIEW OF COLOMBIAN REQUIREMENTS MAY BE APPLICABLE TO THE COLOMBIAN SITUATION. STOL AIRCRAFT COULD BE USED FOR FLYING INTO SMALL CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIPS OR BE USEFUL FOR RAIDS IN ISOLATED AREAS. MOST APPROPRIATE MODEL IS THE PORTER COSTING APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 300,000, USED. THIS SINGLE ENGINE PLANE COULD CARRY UP TO 8 PEOPLE.

5. FASTER AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD BE USED TO CARRY AGENTS TO LARGER AIRPORTS ON INVESTIGATIONS AND PROVIDING RAPID TRANSPORT CAPABILITY, WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 350,000, USED. CESSNA 402 AND 421 HOLD 8 TO 12 PEOPLE DEPENDING UPON CONFIGURATION AND WOULD HAVE LONG-RANGE AND GOOD CAPABILITY FOR CLEARING MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF COLOMBIA.

6. A THIRD TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE OBSERVER PLANE TO SURVEY COASTAL AREAS AND WATCH FOR BOATS CARRYING DRUGS AND EXAMINE REMOTE AIRSTRIPS. THE FOUR-PASSENGER CESSNA 172 WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 25, 000.

7. THE STOL AND LONG-RANGE MOBILITY AIRCRAFT CAPABILITIES COULD BE COMBINED IF NEED BE INTO ONE SINGLE AIRCRAFT COST-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 350,000.

8. REGARDING PROGRAM LEVEL DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, THIS IS PROGRAM LEVEL YOU APPROVED FOR FY 77 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND SUPPORTS THEME OF CP WHICH CITES DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AND PLACES COCAINE SECOND ONLY TO HEROIN IN CCINC PRIORITIES. LEVEL INDICATED, OF COURSE, IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING FULL DOLS. 42.5 MILLION APPRO-

PRIATION. ALSO, LEVEL FOR FY 77 ASSUMES FULL DOLS.  
34 MILLION APPROPRIATION.

9. FUNDING LEVELS PROPOSED FOR CP APPEAR FAIRLY CONSISTENT WITH COST FACTORS CITED ABOVE, ALTHOUGH IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT PROGRAMS MOST TENTATIVE IN NATURE AND IN TIMING AT THIS STAGE. ESSENTIAL PURPOSE REFTEL WAS TO OBTAIN MOST RECENT GUIDANCE FROM MISSION TO ASSIST US TO PREPARE MOST REALISTIC PROJECT DESCRIPTION FOR PRESENTATION TO CONGRESS. CP WILL BE GOING TO PRESS BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK. THEREFORE NEED ANY MISSION INPUT BY NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 28.

10. CP WILL NOT PREJUDICE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN USG AND GOC ON ELEMENTS OF FINAL PROGRAM. SISCO

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